

## Field Review Criteria at a Glance – National Leadership Grants for Museums

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is the project clearly explained?</li><li>• Is the need, problem, or challenge clearly identified and supported by relevant evidence?</li><li>• Are the people who will benefit from the project clearly identified, and have they been involved in planning the project?</li><li>• Are the performance goals and intended results well formulated and achievable?</li><li>• If a research project, is the research design appropriate?</li><li>• Does the project address current needs of the museum field and/or have the potential to advance practice in the museum profession?</li><li>• Does the project align with the selected NLG for Museums category: Learning Experiences, Community Anchors, or Collections Stewardship?</li></ul>
PROJECT WORK PLAN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are the proposed activities informed by appropriate theory and practice?</li><li>• Do the identified staff, partners, consultants, and service providers possess the experience and skills necessary to complete the work successfully?</li><li>• Is the schedule of work realistic and achievable?</li><li>• Are the time, personnel, and financial resources identified appropriate for the scope and scale of the project?</li><li>• Does the institution provide evidence of its capacity to carry out the project activities and meet the cost-share requirement? Note: Cost sharing is not expected for research grants.</li><li>• Is the proposed evaluation methodology appropriate for project activities? Will it result in valid, reliable, and generalizable findings?</li><li>• Is a clear methodology described for tracking the project's progress and adjusting course when necessary?</li><li>• Is there an effective plan for communicating results and/or sharing discoveries?</li><li>• For research projects, does the proposal answer the questions outlined in the guidance on <a href="#">how to write an effective research proposal</a>?</li></ul>
PROJECT RESULTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are the project's intended results and performance indicators clearly articulated, appropriate and realistic?</li><li>• Is the plan to effect meaningful change in knowledge, skills, behaviors, and/or attitudes solidly grounded and appropriately structured?</li><li>• Will the proposed project generate results such as models, tools, research findings, services, and practices that can be broadly used, adapted, scaled or replicated in the museum profession?</li><li>• Is there a reasonable and practical plan for sustaining the benefits of the project beyond the conclusion of the grant?</li></ul>